

REMARKS

Claims 5, 6, 8-10, 13-17, 22-50 are presented for examination. Claims 5, 6, 13, 14, 22, and 23 have been amended to define more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention, and Claims 28 and 31 have been amended to alter their dependency. Claims 35-50 have been added. Claims 5, 6, 13, 14, 22, 23, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, and 49 are in independent form. Claims 11, 12, and 18-21 have been canceled without prejudice and without disclaimer of subject matter. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 28/5, 28/6, 28/13, 28/14, 28/15, 28/22, 28/23, 28/24, 31/5, 31/6, 31/13, 31/14, 31/15, 31/22, 31/23 and 31/24 have been objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. The Examiner is thanked for that indication. New Claims 35-50 have been added, and include the subject matter formerly recited in Claims 28/5, 28/6, 28/13, 28/14, 28/15/14, 28/22, 28/23, 28/24, 31/5, 31/6, 31/13, 31/14, 31/15, 31/22, 31/23, and 31/24, respectively. Accordingly, Claims 35-50 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 5, 6, 13-15, 22-24, 8-10/5, 8-10/6, 16-17/13, 16-17/14, 16-17/15, 25-27/22, 25-27/23 and 25-27/24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,189,337 (*Endo et al.*).

Independent Claims 5, 6, 13, 14, 22, and 23 have been amended to variously recite that a film containing a metal oxide is provided on an upper surface of the substrate in an area except for a partial surface area of the upper surface of the substrate.

In Figs. 1 and 2 of *Endo et al.*, relied on in the Office Action, a thin film 5 is formed on a glass substrate 3, wherein the film is composed of ultrafine particles 1 which are covered with a SiO₂ thin film 4. Each particle 1 is a mixture of an electrically conductive component 2 and an anti-reflection functioning component 6.

Pages 2-3 of the Office Action state that *Endo et al.* teaches “a first insulating film (...film 6) . . . provided on a surface of the substrate in an area except for a partial (side) surface area of the surface....” (Emphasis added).

However, nothing has been found, or pointed out, in *Endo et al.* that would teach or suggest a film containing a metal oxide, provided on an upper surface of a substrate in an area except for a partial surface area of the upper surface of the substrate, as set forth in independent Claims 5, 6, 13, 14, 22, and 23.

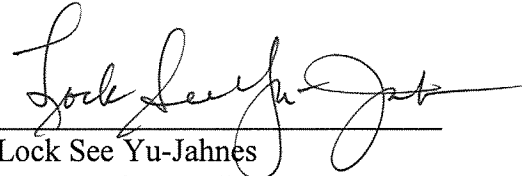
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that those independent claims are clearly patentable over *Endo et al.*

The other rejected claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above, and also are believed clearly patentable over the relevant art relied on by the Examiner, at least because each depends from a patentable base claim. Nonetheless, individual consideration or reconsideration, as the case may be, of the patentability of each dependent claim on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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